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SUBJ: SPECIAL UNGA SESSION - CONSULTATIONS WITH EGYPTIAN

PERMREP

1. AMBASSADOR ABDEL MEGUID LUNCHEON TODAY FOR
ME AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF USUN STAFF. SPECIAL SESSION
OF GA WAS DISCUSSED DEPTH.

2. MEGUID EXPRESSED DESIRE USG PLAY ACTIVE ROLE
IN "CONTACT GROUP" NSOW DISCUSSING ORGANIZATION AND
SUBSTANCE OF IMPENDING SESSION. HE HOPED THAT US
"BOYCOTT" WOULD SOON BE RELAXED SINCE WE OBVIOUSLY
HAD POINTS OF VIEW WHICH WOULD AFFECT OUTCOME OF
SESSION.

3. I EMPHASIZED THAT USG WAS NOT BOYCOTTING CONTACT
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GROUP. WE WERE DESIROUS OF SEEING DRAFT DOCUMENTS

REFINED, OF AVOIDING PREMATURE REACTIONS, AND ABOVE
OF SPEAKING WHEN ISSUES FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY US AND
OUR VIEWS FORMULATED.

4. AT SAME TIME WE HAVE SUSTAINED FULL SCHEDULE OF
BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL GROUPS AND EMPHASIZED
OUR DESIRE TO SEE SESSION A PRODUCTIVE ONE.

5. I STRESSED OUR DESIRE TO SEE INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE AT
LEAST BALANCED BY SOBRIETY OF ACTION. IN THAT
CONNECTION I CITED FOUR ISSUES WHICH COULD BE CONTENTIOUS
IN ABSENCE RESPONSIBLE TREATMENT BY ALL PARTIES AND GAVE
PERSONAL REASONS WHY WE CONCERNED. THEY INCLUDED (A)
PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, (B) REFORM OF MONETARY SYSTEM,
(C) CARTELIZATION OF COMMODITIES, AND (D) DIRECTIVES
TO BODIES BEYOND COMPETENCE AND JURISDICTION OF UN.

6. MEGUID EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR CANDOR. HE
AND STAFF UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION AND IN FACT HOLD SIMILAR
VIEWS ON SEVERAL POINTS. HE WANTED TO KNOW HOW STRONGLY
HELD ARE OUR VIEWS ON COOPERATIVE ACTION AMONG OIL
CONSUMERS IN DEALING WITH PRODUCERX.

7. I GAVE HIM RATIONALE AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
STAGGERING CURRENCY ACCUMULATIONS OF MONEY BY OPEC STATES
MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT THEIR RELEVANCE TO ECONOMIC ORDER
WOULD GO UNMENTIONED.

8. MEGUID AND STAFF REPEATEDLY ASSURED ME THAT ALL
DOCUMENTATION IS NEGOTIABLE AND THAT EVEN FINAL DRAFTS
FLEXIBLE. EXPRESSED ABHORRENCE FOR ANY MOVE TOWARD
CONFRONTATION AND DESIRE FOR EVOLUTIONARY RATHER THAN
REVOLUTIONARY STAND.

9. WE AGREED TO CONTINUE CONTACTS AND THAT US WOULD
CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS SECURE USEFUL RESULTS FROM SPECIAL
SESSION.

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